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16	Case No. 1:18-OP-45090 (N.D. Ohio)	
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Page 90 Page 92 1 there is, you know, drug testing, there is 1 found in the worker's dictation. 2 interviewing, you know, the subjects of the 2 Q. So the system that you are talking 3 case, and often times they will just let us 3 about clicking on a tab, what is that called? 4 A. It is called SACWIS, State 4 know. 5 Sometimes toxicology reports from 5 Automated Welfare Information System. 6 fatalities or for children that have ingested 6 Q. Can you spell out the acronym -drugs, that happens frequently, you know, when 7 A. Yes. people leave the drugs laying out and things Q. -- for the reporter? 8 9 like that, and we have had children die from 9 A. S-A-C-W-I-S. 10 ingesting drugs that the parents leave out 10 O. If I refer to that as -- is it 11 so... SACWIS? 11 12 Q. And I've seen toxicology screens 12 A. Yes. You will know what I'm referring 13 and drug-of-choice data tracked, in terms of 13 Q. 14 the START program. 14 to? 15 Is that data tracked outside of the 15 A. Yes. 16 START program as well? O. So the SACWIS program, that's a 16 17 state automated program; is that right? 17 A. Yes, there are efforts to do that. Q. What do you mean, "There are 18 18 19 efforts to do that"? 19 When did that first start being Q. 20 A. I mean, it is important for us to 20 used by your department? 21 try to get a handle of, you know, which drugs A. Approximately 2008, but I don't 21 22 can be considered most dangerous to the 22 know the specific date. So the year, I think, 23 families and children that we serve. So we try 23 was 2008. 24 24 to track that as best we can. Q. So thinking of it in terms of what 25 Sometimes it's difficult. 25 you were doing at the time, this is before you Page 93 1 Sometimes there is more drugs than just one 1 took over as senior manager of the START 2 drug, you know, so -- but there is -- but there program, correct? 3 3 is a means of us, of the staff -- again, it is A. Right. Yeah. 4 only as good as the data that is input of them 4 Q. Prior to the electronic database 5 entering, and I think it just really captures being adopted, how were -- how were you and 6 that substance abuse was a factor, when we try your department keeping track of records? 7 to enter it in the system so... 7 A. Prior to any electronic system or 8 Q. Can you tell me about that tracking 8 SACWIS? process more specifically? 9 Q. Is there an electronic system that A. That process started -- I was kind 10 10 predated SACWIS? 11 of a worker pre all this electronic data stuff 11 A. Yeah. 12 and, I mean, we used to handwrite our notes, 12 O. What was that? 13 but, you know, so there is a -- there is A. That was called FACTS, F-A-C-T-S. 13 14 just -- I mean, a lot of things are kept for 14 And I don't know what the initials -- I can't 15 data purposes. 15 remember what those initials stand for. 16 So we just want to try to see what 16 Q. Do you know when the FACTS system 17 percentage of cases really have substance abuse 17 was used? 18 as an involvement, and that's basically the 18 I don't know when it -- what the whole premise of that one tab in the system. 19 inception of it was, but I know that it 19 Q. When you say, "One tab in the 20 overlapped a little bit with SACWIS, obviously, 20 21 system," what are you talking about? 21 until we can get everything up and running. So 22 A. So basically you would click, is 22 there is still some archival data there, but it 23 substance abuse a factor, yes or no, 23 is not in use anymore.

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Q. And you don't know when that first

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25 began to be used?

24 essentially. The real meat of the substance

25 abuse use and what drugs would be actually

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- 1 intricacies of it.
- Q. Do you use the SACWIS system currently in your role and responsibilities as social program administrator 5?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And in your role as social program administrator 5, to your knowledge, is there any other tab or aspect of the system that you
- 9 use that involves substance abuse?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Is there any way in the SACWIS
- 12 system to track what type of substance is being
- 13 abused?
- 14 A. Not as like a drop-down or
- 15 something like that. That would have to be
- 16 mined out to the activity logs, or the case
- 17 notes, as you say.
- 18 Q. So if you wanted to understand what
- 19 substance was at issue for any given case, you
- 20 would look to the activity logs or the case
- 21 notes for the particular case, correct?
- A. Amongst other, yeah. That would be
- 23 the first place, yes.
- Q. When you say "amongst other"
- 25 things --

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- 1 A. Well, I mean, so we do have -- so
- we have what's called the reading file, where
- 3 documents can be scanned into the system.
- 4 So if, on any case, if, you know, 5 if somebody got a DUI or arrested for DUI or
- 6 something, charges or something might be
- 7 scanned into the system. So there is an
- 8 electronic place to store, you know, certain
- 9 documents.
- 10 Q. Okay. To your knowledge, is there
- 11 any -- are there any reports that are run on
- 12 the SACWIS system that relate specifically to
- 13 substance abuse?
- 14 A. I don't know.
- 15 Q. Are there any reports that you have
- 16 run in your role as social program
- 17 administrator 5 and administrator of social
- 18 services that involve substance abuse?
- 19 A. No.

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- Q. Are there any particular programs
- 21 that you have supervised, in your role as
- 22 social program administrator, that specifically
- 23 relate to substance abuse?
- MR. BADALA: Objection to form.
  - A. Again, any day I could be dealing

- 1 with a case that substance abuse is a
  - 2 contributing factor to what's going on with the
  - 3 family and the children so...
  - 4 Q. Other than the START program, there
  - 5 is no other programs, under Children and Family
  - 6 Services, that specifically address a family or
  - 7 individual's substance abuse; is that fair?
  - 8 MR. BADALA: Objection to form.
  - 9 A. That's fair.
  - 10 Q. I assume in your various roles with
  - 11 Children and Family Services, you have been
  - 12 evaluated over time?
  - 13 A. Yes.
    - Q. Have you ever had a poor
  - 15 evaluation?

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- A. No.
- 17 Q. Do you evaluate others?
- 18 A. Yes
- 19 Q. Who currently reports to you, as
- 20 administrator of social services?
  - A. Specific names?
- Q. And titles, please.
- 23 A. Joseph Jackson, senior manager;
- 24 Christopher Malcolm, M-A-L-C-O-L-M, senior
- 25 manager; Mary Mitchell, senior manager; Earvin
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- 1 Thomas, E-A-R-V-I-N, senior manager; Lara
- 2 Parks, L-A-R-A, senior manager; and David Gray,
- 3 senior manager.
- 4 I also have a social program
- 5 administrator 2 that reports to me, Maureen
- 6 Draye, D-R-A-Y-E, and, of course, my assistant
- 7 reports to me, if want her name. Do you want
- 8 her name?

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- 9 Q. That's okay.
- 10 So you said that there is a social
- 11 program administrator 2, as well?
  - A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Are there any other levels of
- 14 social program administrator that we haven't
- 15 already talked about?
- 16 A. I don't know.
  - Q. Is there a 1?
- 18 A. I don't know. Probably, but I
- 19 don't know for sure.
- Q. Do you know how many people are
- 21 employed with Children and Family Services?
  - A. Not to the -- not to the single
- 23 digit, no.
- Q. Do you have an approximation?
  - A. It's over 800.

Page 246 Page 248 1 crisis has to do with opioids, opiate abuse, 1 We talked about the 2014 2 heroin abuse. 2 statistical reports, and then it also states 3 What is important for me is I'm 3 there in that paragraph under the Department 4 here dealing with the devastation, putting out 4 News, she, your secretary, will be tracking 5 the fires, making sure kids are safe. 5 this data for the past three calendar years. 6 Ancillary, if I have time to start tracking 6 Do you know what that means? 7 things and stuff, I'll do that. But my job is 7 A. What I was trying to, I think, say 8 to keep kids safe first and foremost. If I 8 there, assuming that this is exactly what I 9 have the luxury of tracking every little thing 9 wrote, is that I was going to have my secretary 10 go back three years to track the drug-of-choice 10 and dotting every I, I know that's important, 11 but that's not my focus. 11 data. 12 My focus is asking people what got 12 Q. Because it says there right under 13 Department News, "Since January 1, 2014, we 13 you to the point you are at now and what can I 14 do to fix it to keep little Johnny safe so... 14 have been keeping data on specific types of 15 Q. And not even getting into the 15 drugs involved with each of our cases," 16 nitty-gritty or the specifics, as you put it, 16 correct? 17 but with regard to tracking substance use and 17 A. Yes. 18 whether it was prescription opioids versus 18 Q. So that was a new process that 19 heroin or any other type of drug, that wasn't started the beginning of 2014, tracking the 19 20 something that the department kept track of, 20 drug-of-choice data; is that right? 21 throughout the time that you have been in the 21 MR. BADALA: Objection to form. 22 department, correct? 22 A. It wasn't new. I mean, I don't 23 MR. BADALA: Objection to form. 23 know, to be honest with you. I just know that 24 in January of 2014, I started tracking it A. I mean, all I can say is in the 25 25 years I have been working with families and specifically. Page 247 Page 249 1 with substance abusers, it's not common that 1 Q. That was new to your practice, as 2 someone picks up heroin and says, "One day I'm 2 manager of the START program, as of January going to smoke or use heroin," however they use 3 2014, to track the types of drugs involved with 4 each of your cases, correct? 4 it. Usually it is a progressive thing, and it 5 A. I don't know. Because what I was starts out, and most of the time what we see it 6 trying to get at here, like I said earlier, was 6 start out with is prescription pills. 7 the increase in the heroin and opiates, not Q. And again, I'm asking you what 8 information can I look to to verify that 8 just all drugs. 9 account that you are giving me? Is there any So I don't know. I can't answer 10 information that I can look to to verify that 10 that, I didn't track some type of drug use 11 previous to that. All I know is that what I 12 was interested in showing is over the three 12 MR. BADALA: Objection to form. years, the increase in that specific drug use. 13 A. I don't know. Q. And were you able to track, over 14 MS. HIBBERT: Let's take a break. 15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record, 15 the last three years, the increase in that 16 2:34. 16 specific drug use?

A. I don't know.

MR. BADALA: Objection to form.

three years from 2014, would you have kept that

23 24 Q. You state next, in the next

information anywhere?

25 sentence, "We will also be graphically

A. I don't know. I can't recall. Q. If you had tracked the increase of

these -- the specific drug use over the last

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A. Sure.

(Recess taken.)

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: On the record,

Q. Okay. Mr. Cabot, we left off, we

21 were talking a little bit about Exhibit Number

Q. I have a couple more questions

22 8. Can you put that back in front of you.

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25 about that.

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Page 54 1 information that's specific to clients and their

- 2 drug use and the impact of drug use in that
- 3 particular situation would be recorded, correct?
  - A. Yes.

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- 5 Q. And what you're testifying to is
- 6 that there's been no analysis or no
- 7 documentation beyond individual case files that
- 8 looks at this issue of people transitioning from
- 9 a prescription opioid that is taken pursuant to
- 10 a prescription written for them to people who
- 11 over time are taking heroin and other street
- 12 drugs obtained illegally, correct?
- 13 MR. GALLUCCI: Object to form.
- 14 A. There is work going on to enter
- 15 information into our SACWIS system so that we
- 16 could produce those reports, so there is work
- 17 being done to do that.
- Q. Did you give some direction to start
- 19 entering that into SACWIS or has that always
- 20 been going on?
- 21 A. The entering of information into
- 22 SACWIS is -- some of it is mandatory and some of
- 23 it is optional. Some of the drug screens in
- 24 previous years were optional. They are now
- 25 required.

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- 1 Q. And when did the drug screen
- 2 information become mandatory for SACWIS?
- 3 A. I'm not completely sure.
- 4 Q. And just for the record, what does
- 5 SACWIS stand for?
- A. State Automated Child Welfare
- 7 Information System.
- Q. That's one of the databases that
- 9 your DCFS -- your group uses as part of its
- 10 memorialization of information on individual
- 11 cases for various types of tracking purposes?
- 12 A. We are required by the state to
- 13 enter the information about families into the
- 14 SACWIS system.
- 15 Q. Are there other databases that you
- 16 use besides SACWIS?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. What else?
- 19 A. So we have a START database,
- 20 which -- and we also have other databases as far
- 21 as we use a team decision-making process, so
- 22 there is a database and reports associated with
- 23 that that could obtain information about drug
- 24 use.
- 25 Q. Anything else?

- 1 A. Not that I can think of
  - 2 specifically.
  - 3 Q. So within a case file are there
  - 4 specific categories of documents or names of the

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- 5 documents that should be within each case file?
- 6 A. There are different sections of a 7 file.
- 8 Q. So are there something like case
- 9 notes? Is that a section of a file?
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. What about activity logs? 11
- 12 A. Activity logs are case notes.
- 13 Q. And are those always maintained
- 14 within a case file?
- A. The expectation is yes. 15
  - Q. What about the case files; do you
- 17 have some sort of retention policy for how long
- 18 you keep case files?
- A. The historic society dictates the
- 20 collection of the information and how long it is
- 21 stored for.

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- 22 Q. Do you know how long that is?
- 23 A. I am not completely sure, but I
- 24 believe all of our records back to -- go back
- 25 decades.
  - Q. Oh, okay. So if we wanted to look
- 2 at case files from ten years ago to see, even if
- 3 it wasn't back then automatically tracked into
- 4 SACWIS or some other database, to look at like
- 5 opioid use versus meth use versus cocaine use
- 6 versus whatever use in individual cases from ten
- 7 years ago, those case files should still be
- 8 available?
- 9 MR. GALLUCCI: Object to form.
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. And for, like, ten years ago, were
- 12 there reports being generated back then that
- 13 looked at the impact of the various types of
- 14 drug use?
- 15 MR. GALLUCCI: Object to form.
- 16 A. There are in our history much better
- 17 reports out of the START department that do talk
- 18 about drug use. There are still reports that
- 19 are produced as far as babies born positive tox,
- 20 the percentage, the number of kids it's
- 21 happening for, number of families we remove due
- 22 to drugs.
- 23 Q. So for START, that goes back to
- 24 1997; is that correct?
- 25 A. Correct.

1 A. Um-hum.

- Q. And it's to a number of people,
- 3 including you, as the last person copied.
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And who is Ms. Piccola?
- 7 A. Trista was hired as the person who
- 8 managed our data, and then she became a deputy
- 9 director and she left the agency in 2017.
- 10 Q. And did you have something to do
- 11 with her leaving the agency in 2017? Was that
- 12 after you took over?
- 13 A. No. That had nothing to do with me.
- 14 Q. When you said she managed your data,
- 15 what do you mean?
- 16 A. She was initially hired to run the
- 17 performance evaluation team, and then under Pat
- 18 Rideout, she became a deputy director, so we
- 19 were peers as deputies and then I became
- 20 director.
- 21 Q. So was she responsible for
- 22 performing analyses that might be useful in

Q. And over time did some of that

A. I don't have a specific memory.

So this is sent April 17th, 2014,

11 Q. And the subject is "Please read and 12 review with your staff." So without running

14 people who have oversight over people who might

19 Q. And the subject is "Please read and 20 review with your staff," so that these people

13 through every name, it was sent to a variety of

15 ultimately be doing some sort of data entry into

A. The people listed are senior

21 are all -- all the recipients are people who had

Q. And it says, "Per our discussion,

25 attached is the memo and set of instructions

Q. So what it says in this first --

2 relate to the impact of drug abuse and use

3 trends of different drugs within your client

- 23 increasing the overall performance of the
- 24 division?

4 population?

9 correct?

16 a database?

22 staff, correct?

18 managers, and yes.

A. Yes.

A. Yes.

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25 A. Yes, her and her staff.

7 well, let's just walk through it.

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- 1 requiring staff to enter drug of choice on all
- 2 open cases for parents, caregivers and youth
- 3 beginning next week. We will send this to
- 4 supervisors as well. You need to ensure all
- 5 your staff," which is underlined, "are aware of
- 6 this requirement. Let us know if you have any 7 questions."
- 8 Did I read that right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. So it starts off by saying, "Per our
- 11 discussions." Do you remember any discussion
- 12 before this about the issue of tracking drug of
- 13 choice?
- 14 A. I don't remember a specific
- 15 discussion.
- Q. Do you know what "drug of choice"
- 17 refers to here, where this is being entered, why
- 18 this is being tracked?
- 19 A. I believe it's being tracked so that
- 20 we can pull this data out of SACWIS.
- Q. So is this talking about entering
- 22 data into SACWIS?
- A. The actual memo is.
  - Q. And why was it important to start
- 25 tracking drug of choice in 2014?

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- 1 A. Well, as the memo says,
  - 2 heroin-related deaths had increased. In
  - 3 response to the epidemic, Cuyahoga County had
  - 4 created this community-wide effort, and it was
  - 5 an attempt to provide our data to the effort.
  - 6 Q. That's where you are in the attached
  - 7 memo, correct? You've just been reading from
  - 8 the attached memo?
  - 9 A. Yes.
  - 10 Q. Did you have anything to do with
  - 11 this attached memo?
  - 12 A. As far as writing it?
  - 13 Q. Yes.
  - 14 A. It comes from all the deputy
  - 15 administrators, so I would have been included in
  - 16 that group. I do not believe I wrote it.
  - 17 Q. Do you recall any discussions about
  - 18 generating this memo or this issue of making
  - 19 sure the drug of choice was going to be entered
  - 20 from now on?
  - A. I don't remember specific
  - 22 conversations.
  - Q. From your perspective, what is drug
  - 24 of choice in the SACWIS database? What does
  - 25 that refer to?

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Page 182 Page 184 A. The drug that the parents state that 1 1 five years, from 64 deaths in 2009 to 195 deaths 2 they choose to use. 2 in 2013." 3 Q. So can somebody have more than one 3 Did I read that right? 4 drug of choice? 4 A. Yes. 5 A. Sure. 5 Q. Was it your awareness at the time 6 Q. And does it suggest any sort of 6 that there was a public health crisis related to 7 priority if a person takes, you know, ten 7 heroin? 8 different drugs, they would all be a drug of 8 A. I don't remember. 9 choice? Q. I mean, you're signing your name to 10 A. I don't know the specifics of 10 a document that said that, right? 11 SACWIS. A. You're asking me about a document 12 Q. Do you know what the practice was 12 that's four years old and what do I remember 13 before April of 2014 in terms of entering drug 13 from then. 14 of choice into SACWIS by anybody at Cuyahoga 14 Q. Do you not remember much of what was 15 County? 15 going on four years ago in terms of the 16 A. I don't remember. 16 functioning of the department and its awareness 17 Q. Do you know what the practice was 17 of and response to a heroin epidemic? 18 elsewhere in the state? 18 MR. CIACCIO: Objection to form. 19 A. I do not. 19 A. No. What I'm saying is a lot goes 20 Q. And was kind of the issue here that 20 on in the department, and for me to remember 21 they needed to capture drug of choice better 21 every memo that's issued is pretty unlikely. 22 going forward because there would be increased 22 Q. It was just not a big deal that you 23 scrutiny or analysis of any data about drug 23 were going to start having staff enter drug of 24 usage? 24 choice in SACWIS? 25 MR. CIACCIO: Object to form. 25 A. No. It was a big deal. I just Page 183 Page 185 A. I think the memo was written so we 1 don't remember the specifics of the memo. 1 2 would have a better -- we would have better data 2 Q. Do you remember an awareness that at 3 available about the drugs that our families were 3 this time there was a heroin epidemic going on 4 using. 4 in Cuyahoga County that was the subject of 5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Could we go off 5 discussion between you and other deputy 6 administrators? 6 the record for one second? 7 7 MR. ALEXANDER: Yes. A. I don't remember specific 8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record, 8 conversations. 9 12:10. Q. Do you remember that in general, 10 (Short recess had.) 10 that there was an awareness of a heroin epidemic THE VIDEOGRAPHER: On the record. 11 in April of 2014 in Cuyahoga County? 11 12 12:12. 12 A. I'm not sure. 13 BY MR. ALEXANDER: 13 Q. The memo from you and the other Q. Hopefully the listening recording 14 deputy administrators continues, "In response to 15 stuff is going to work now. Let me go back to 15 this epidemic, Cuyahoga County has created a

12 12:12.

13 BY MR. ALEXANDER:

14 Q. Hopefully the listening recording

15 stuff is going to work now. Let me go back t

16 where we were.

17 This memo that's on the second page

18 of Exhibit 2 is from deputy administrators,

19 which at that time would have included you,

20 correct?

21 A. Yes.

Q. The first sentence says, "Cuyahoga

23 County is in the midst of a public health

24 crisis." The second one says, "Heroin-related

25 deaths have increased dramatically in the last

16 heroin initiative," both capitalized, "a

17 community-wide effort working to provide

18 education, prevention, treatment and

19 interdiction to the individuals and families

20 whose lives have been affected by heroin."

21 Do you remember a heroin initiative?

A. Not the specifics.

23 Q. "As child welfare professionals,

24 however, we know that heroin is only one of many

25 drugs that can cause devastation and hardships

Page 274 Page 276 1 when you have behavioral needs that need to be 1 reports now available for caseworker blitz." 2 addressed. It's a higher level of care. It's a 2 Do you see that? 3 3 kid with acting out behaviors. A. Yes. 4 Q. So this number -- this estimate for 4 And I asked you before about 5 Ohio cost for caregivers' serious substance 5 caseworker blitz. You said the name didn't ring 6 abuse, have you ever seen an estimate like that 6 any bells to you? 7 specific to Cuyahoga County? 7 A. Yes. O. Does it ring any bells now? 8 A. I have not. 8 9 Q. And have you ever seen an estimate 10 specific to Cuyahoga County for prescription 10 What was the caseworker blitz? 11 opioids, whether used by somebody who had a A. So it was an attempt by the -- the 11 12 prescription or used illegally? 12 state to have all of the information around 13 A. I have not. 13 drugs updated in the system so we could get 14 Q. For any time period? 14 better baselines. 15 A. I have not. Q. And so what was PCSAO having to do 15 MR. ALEXANDER: I don't know how 16 with this sort of data entry project? 16 17 long we've been going, but are you okay to do at 17 A. My suspect is they were trying to 18 least one more? 18 use the data to make an argument to the state 19 THE WITNESS: I don't know. How 19 for funding. 20 many more of these documents you got? 20 Q. And the data -- this is SACWIS data? 21 MR. CIACCIO: We're a little bit 21 A. Yes. It's data they're pulling out 22 over an hour. If you want to do one more. 22 of the system, yes. 23 MR. ALEXANDER: Yeah, I'll do one Q. When you say "system," you mean 23 24 more. 24 SACWIS? 25 25 MR. CIACCIO: Okay. We'll do one Α. Yes. Page 275 Page 277 Q. So the categories here are called 1 more and then we'll take a break. 2 "Baseline Report," "Mid-Blitz Report" and 2 THE WITNESS: Sure. 3 3 "Second Mid-Blitz Report." Do you know what 4 they're talking about in terms of these basic 4 (Thereupon, Deposition Exhibit 11, 5 E-Mail from Cynthia Weiskittel to 5 data points? A. What I can remember is we were given 6 Various Recipients, dated July 7, 7 7 the baselines and then given opportunities, 2016, with Attachment, Beginning 8 dates by which updates should be made, and then 8 9 marked for purposes of 9 the reports were run again, so I believe that's 10 10 what the mid-blitz and the second mid-blitz identification.) 11 report refer to. 11 O. Exhibit 11 is an e-mail that 12 Q. Was the purpose to try to increase 13 the information in SACWIS that tracked what drug 13 forwards another e-mail with some data in it, 14 and these have the 14 specifically was being used by patients where 15 there was drug data, kind of like we saw back in and it looks like you're a recipient 16 2014, when there was a mandatory -- a shift to 16 on both the cover e-mail and the forwarded 17 making it mandatory to enter drug of choice? 17 e-mail. I'm going to ask you about the one that 18 was forwarded from July 6, 2016, okay? 18 A. I think that the attempt here was to 19 A. Yes. 19 do what it suggests, is for us to update the 20 information as it related to opiates and then Q. And this is an e-mail forwarded to 21 the exposure, whether it was prenatal or not. 21 you by -- or sent to you by Mary Wachtel of the 22 Public Children Service Association of Ohio. 22 And, again, it was an attempt to get a better 23 overall view of what was going on in the state. 23 Do you see that? 24 24 Q. So it was focused on increasing the A. Yes. 25 information in SACWIS specific to opiates? 25 Q. And it says, "Updated based on

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A. Correct.

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- 2 Q. How could you add new data specific
- 3 to opiates if the data had already been entered 4 on a case?
- 5 A. I think what it's suggesting is
- 6 people needed to go back to make sure all of
- 7 their data that was to be entered was being
- 8 entered. There also could be children born
- 9 after '14, a new baby into a home who was drug
- 10 addicted and a mother had in -- prior had that
- 11 addiction, and so you would want to accurately
- 12 record that.
- 13 Q. So why would there need to be a
- 14 blitz if there was a requirement to enter all
- 15 information entered accurately already?
- 16 A. The requirement -- the blitz was for
- 17 the entire state. The requirement was for DCFS
- 18 Cuyahoga County.
- 19 Q. Okay. So for Cuyahoga County did
- 20 this blitz change anything for you guys?
- A. Did the blitz change anything for
- 22 us? Well, if you read my e-mail, I clearly feel
- 23 that the numbers given do not represent our
- 24 numbers and I have asked my staff to do some
- 25 oversight and monitoring and to ensure that the

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- 1 or opioid, or for the second one it says opiates 2 would go up?
  - A. I don't understand your question.
- 4 Q. I mean, if a quarter of the data is
- 5 entered and then three-quarters of the data is
- 6 entered, it shouldn't change the percentage that
- 7 involved heroin unless there's something about
- 8 the data that wasn't entered before that makes
- 9 it be more likely to have heroin information in 10 it, correct?
- 11 MR. CIACCIO: Objection to form.
- 12 Q. That's how the math works.
  - A. I understand that. I can't explain
- 14 to you why it would change the percentages.
- 15 Q. Was the expectation that the more
- 16 data that got entered, the percentages of heroin
- 17 or opiate involvement would rise?
- 18 A. I don't think there was any
- 19 presumption at first, other than we wanted to
- 20 make sure the data was accurate.
- 21 Q. Then what was the purpose of your
- 22 e-mail to your staff telling them that you
- 23 thought the data entered thus far didn't reflect
- 24 your numbers?
- A. Because that's what I thought.

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1 information requested is entered.

- 2 Q. Do you know what the results were
- 3 once you guys entered your data?
- 4 A. I don't.
- 5 Q. Go back to page 2 then for a second,
- 6 just in terms of these estimates. I want to
- 7 make sure we're reading this correctly.
- 8 So adults in the system with opiate
- 9 and heroin characteristics -- opiate or heroin
- 10 characteristics went from less than half a
- 11 percent to about 5 percent.
- 12 Am I reading that correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And the children under the age of 3
- 15 with exposure went from 3 percent to 5.8 percent
- 16 roughly?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And do you know why it was that
- 19 these numbers went up?
- 20 A. Because I think staff weren't
- 21 entering all the information they were expected
- 22 to, and when they cleaned up their data, that's
- 23 why the numbers went up.
- Q. But why would it be that entering
- 25 more data would lead to the percentage of heroin

- Q. You thought that your percentages
- 2 would be higher, lower, different, what?
- 3 A. I would believe -- I would believe
- 4 that -- my assumption is that the number in
- 5 percentages would have been higher.
- 6 Q. Have you ever seen any data that
- 7 indicated the percentage of adult case
- 8 participants with opiate or heroin use was more
- 9 than 4.95 percent?
- 10 A. Specific data, I don't know.
- 11 Q. What about the percentage of
- 12 children with exposure to opiates; have you ever
- 13 seen anything indicating it was more than 5.79
- 14 percent?
- 15 A. I don't know.
- Q. Did you have any ability to testify
- 17 with specificity and certainty that the
- 18 number -- the percentage of adults in your
- 19 system had more than 5 percent usage of opiates
- 20 or heroin?
- 21 A. I don't know.
- Q. What about to say that it was more
- 23 than 5.79 percent for children?
- A. Again, I don't know.
  - MR. ALEXANDER: Ready for a break or

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Defendants.

## DISTRIBUTOR DEFENDANTS' FIRST SET OF REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION TO PLAINTIFF

Pursuant to Rules 26 and 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as well as the Case Management Order in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation* (Dkt. No. 232 in No. 1:17-cv-2804), Distributor Defendants<sup>1</sup> hereby request that Plaintiff respond to the following Requests

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Distributor Defendants are AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation (incorrectly referred to as

for Production ("Requests") in accordance with its obligations under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Responses to the Requests shall be provided in the manner required by Rule 34(b)(2), the Local Rules of the Northern District of Ohio, this Court's Case Management Order One entered on April 11, 2018, Doc. No. 232, and any other applicable law or rules, within thirty (30) days of the service of these Requests.

If Plaintiff finds any term or other aspect of the Requests vague, ambiguous, or otherwise objectionable and intends to so object, counsel for the Distributor Defendants offer to promptly meet with counsel for Plaintiff to endeavor to resolve any issues.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- 1. "Prescription Opioid(s)" refers to FDA-approved pain-reducing medications consisting of natural, synthetic, or semisynthetic chemicals that bind to opioid receptors in a person's brain or body to produce an analgesic effect, including, but not limited to, the Prescription Opioids referenced in the Complaint for the wholesale distribution of which Plaintiff seeks to hold any Distributor Defendant liable.
- 2. "Plaintiff" means the individual plaintiff named in this action, including its executive and legislative branches, agencies, offices, departments, divisions, commissions, agents, employees, boards, instrumentalities, vendors, administrators, and other persons or entities acting on its behalf or controlled by it. When the pronouns "You" or "Your" are used, their antecedent is the Plaintiff.
- 3. "Suspicious Order(s)" means any order of Prescription Opioids placed by any source that Plaintiff contends should have been reported to the DEA or Ohio authorities, including the Ohio Board of Pharmacy. Suspicious Orders are not limited to those placed with

AmerisourceBergen Corporation or Amerisource Corporation in the Complaint), Cardinal Health, Inc., and McKesson Corporation.

the Distributor Defendants, but include those placed with any entity that has a regulatory reporting obligation.

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Unless otherwise stated, the timeframe covered by these Requests is the time period including each year during which each individual Plaintiff claims any Distributor Defendant engaged in any allegedly wrongful or unlawful conduct that caused damage to the Plaintiff or such other time period as the parties may later agree or the Court determines should apply to each side's discovery in this action.
- 2. Unless otherwise set forth, the responsive documents and communications requested include all documents and communications that are related to the timeframe covered by these Requests, regardless of creation date.
  - 3. Each Plaintiff must individually respond to each of these Requests.

#### **REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION**

- 1. All documents that refer or relate to the volume of Prescription Opioids prescribed, dispensed, sold, distributed, diverted, or used in Plaintiff's geographical boundaries.
- 2. All law enforcement documents that refer or relate to the abuse, use, misuse, prescribing, dispensing, sale, distribution, addiction to, and/or diversion of Prescription Opioids or the possession, abuse, illegal sale, or addiction to other opioids in Plaintiff's geographical boundaries.
- 3. All law enforcement documents that refer or relate to allegedly Suspicious Orders or other improper or wrongful actions by distributors, prescribers, pharmacies, or other healthcare providers related to Prescription Opioids.

- 4. All communications between the Plaintiff and any State or Federal agency (including but not limited to the United Stated Drug Enforcement Agency, a United States Attorney or representative thereof, Ohio Department of Medicaid and its constituent providers, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System, State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy, and State Medical Board of Ohio), or other law enforcement or government entity, that refer or relate to the abuse, use, misuse, prescribing, dispensing, sale, distribution, addiction to, and/or diversion of Prescription Opioids or the possession, abuse, illegal sale, or addiction to other opioids.
- 5. All documents relating to any alleged Prescription Opioid-related violation of state or federal law or regulation, including 21 CFR Section 1306.04, related to any pharmacy, medical doctor, physician assistant, pharmacist, pharmacy technician, healthcare provider, or other person or entity in Plaintiff's geographical boundaries.
- 6. All documents relating to any Plaintiff communication or transaction with any Distributor Defendant or any other distributor of Prescription Opioids.
- 7. All documents and data referring or relating to Plaintiff expenditures relating to the abuse, use, misuse, prescribing, dispensing, sale, distribution, addiction to, and/or diversion of Prescription Opioids or the possession, abuse, illegal sale, or addiction to other opioids, including documents relating to healthcare costs paid by Plaintiff or by fully or partially-funded medical insurance plans and workers' compensation programs. Include in this response any policies governing evaluation or approval of those expenditures' legitimacy.
- 8. All documents constituting, relating to, or referring to autopsies or death certificates for any and all individuals residing in Plaintiff's geographical boundaries whose death was attributed in whole or in part to the abuse, use, misuse, prescribing, dispensing, sale,

distribution, addiction to, and/or diversion of Prescription Opioids or the possession, abuse, illegal sale, or addiction to other opioids or drugs.

- 9. All documents relating to comments, complaints, or inquiries by members of the general public concerning the abuse, use, misuse, prescribing, dispensing, sale, distribution, addiction to, and/or diversion of Prescription Opioids or the possession, abuse, illegal sale, or addiction to other opioids.
- 10. All documents referring or relating to Plaintiff's efforts to suspend, revoke, or seek the suspension or revocation of registrations or licenses of, or fine or otherwise sanction any distributors, doctors, pharmacies, pharmacists, healthcare providers, or other DEA registrants because of alleged diversion of Prescription Opioids in or into Plaintiff's geographical boundaries.
- 11. All documents comprising or supporting Plaintiff's annual and periodic budgets (including but not limited to receipts and expenditures).

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I, Joseph W. Boatwright, IV, declare:

I am Chief Corporate Counsel for the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio. I am authorized to make this verification on behalf of the Plaintiffs the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio and the State of Ohio Ex Rel. Prosecuting Attorney of Cuyahoga County, Michael C. O'Malley (together, "Plaintiff").

The foregoing Plaintiff's Second Supplemental Responses and Objections to Distributor Defendants' Interrogatory No. 18 represents a municipal corporate response, based on information, in part, assembled by Plaintiff's employees and/or representatives. Because the matters stated in the document identified above constitute a corporate response, they are not all necessarily within my personal knowledge, or within the personal knowledge of any single individual. Subject to these limitations, the information contained in the foregoing response is, to the best of Plaintiff's knowledge, true and correct. Plaintiff reserves the right to make any changes should it appear that any omissions or errors have been made.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Cuyahoga, Ohio on this 30th day of November, 2018.

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Page 90 Page 92 1 there is, you know, drug testing, there is 1 found in the worker's dictation. 2 interviewing, you know, the subjects of the 2 Q. So the system that you are talking about clicking on a tab, what is that called? 3 case, and often times they will just let us 3 4 A. It is called SACWIS, State 4 know. 5 Sometimes toxicology reports from 5 Automated Welfare Information System. 6 fatalities or for children that have ingested 6 Q. Can you spell out the acronym -drugs, that happens frequently, you know, when 7 A. Yes. people leave the drugs laying out and things Q. -- for the reporter? 8 9 like that, and we have had children die from 9 A. S-A-C-W-I-S. 10 ingesting drugs that the parents leave out 10 O. If I refer to that as -- is it 11 so... SACWIS? 11 12 Q. And I've seen toxicology screens 12 A. Yes. You will know what I'm referring 13 and drug-of-choice data tracked, in terms of 13 Q. 14 the START program. 14 to? Is that data tracked outside of the 15 15 A. Yes. 16 START program as well? O. So the SACWIS program, that's a 16 17 state automated program; is that right? 17 A. Yes, there are efforts to do that. Q. What do you mean, "There are 18 18 19 efforts to do that"? 19 When did that first start being Q. 20 A. I mean, it is important for us to 20 used by your department? 21 try to get a handle of, you know, which drugs A. Approximately 2008, but I don't 21 22 can be considered most dangerous to the 22 know the specific date. So the year, I think, 23 families and children that we serve. So we try 23 was 2008. 24 24 to track that as best we can. Q. So thinking of it in terms of what 25 25 you were doing at the time, this is before you Sometimes it's difficult. Page 93 1 Sometimes there is more drugs than just one 1 took over as senior manager of the START 2 drug, you know, so -- but there is -- but there program, correct? 3 3 is a means of us, of the staff -- again, it is A. Right. Yeah. 4 only as good as the data that is input of them 4 Q. Prior to the electronic database 5 entering, and I think it just really captures being adopted, how were -- how were you and 6 that substance abuse was a factor, when we try your department keeping track of records? 7 to enter it in the system so... 7 A. Prior to any electronic system or 8 Q. Can you tell me about that tracking 8 SACWIS? process more specifically? 9 Q. Is there an electronic system that A. That process started -- I was kind 10 10 predated SACWIS? 11 of a worker pre all this electronic data stuff 11 Yeah. 12 and, I mean, we used to handwrite our notes, 12 O. What was that? 13 but, you know, so there is a -- there is A. That was called FACTS, F-A-C-T-S. 13 14 just -- I mean, a lot of things are kept for 14 And I don't know what the initials -- I can't 15 data purposes. 15 remember what those initials stand for. 16 So we just want to try to see what 16 Q. Do you know when the FACTS system 17 percentage of cases really have substance abuse 17 was used? 18 as an involvement, and that's basically the 18 I don't know when it -- what the whole premise of that one tab in the system. 19 inception of it was, but I know that it 19 Q. When you say, "One tab in the 20 overlapped a little bit with SACWIS, obviously, 20 21 system," what are you talking about? 21 until we can get everything up and running. So

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22 there is still some archival data there, but it

Q. And you don't know when that first

23 is not in use anymore.

25 began to be used?

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A. So basically you would click, is

24 essentially. The real meat of the substance

25 abuse use and what drugs would be actually

23 substance abuse a factor, yes or no,

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Page 98 1 intricacies of it.

- Q. Do you use the SACWIS system
- 3 currently in your role and responsibilities as 4 social program administrator 5?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. And in your role as social program administrator 5, to your knowledge, is there
- 8 any other tab or aspect of the system that you
- 9 use that involves substance abuse?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Is there any way in the SACWIS
- 12 system to track what type of substance is being
- 13 abused?
- 14 A. Not as like a drop-down or
- 15 something like that. That would have to be
- 16 mined out to the activity logs, or the case
- 17 notes, as you say.
- 18 Q. So if you wanted to understand what
- 19 substance was at issue for any given case, you
- 20 would look to the activity logs or the case
- 21 notes for the particular case, correct?
- A. Amongst other, yeah. That would be
- 23 the first place, yes.
- Q. When you say "amongst other"
- 25 things --

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- 1 A. Well, I mean, so we do have -- so
- we have what's called the reading file, where
- documents can be scanned into the system.So if, on any case, if, you know,
- 5 if somebody got a DUI or arrested for DUI or
- 6 something, charges or something might be
- 7 scanned into the system. So there is an
- 8 electronic place to store, you know, certain
- 9 documents.
- 10 Q. Okay. To your knowledge, is there
- 11 any -- are there any reports that are run on
- 12 the SACWIS system that relate specifically to
- 13 substance abuse?
- 14 A. I don't know.
- 15 Q. Are there any reports that you have
- 16 run in your role as social program
- 17 administrator 5 and administrator of social
- 18 services that involve substance abuse?
- 19 A. No.

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- Q. Are there any particular programs
- 21 that you have supervised, in your role as
- 22 social program administrator, that specifically
- 23 relate to substance abuse?
- MR. BADALA: Objection to form.
  - A. Again, any day I could be dealing

- 1 with a case that substance abuse is a
  - 2 contributing factor to what's going on with the
  - 3 family and the children so...
  - 4 Q. Other than the START program, there
  - 5 is no other programs, under Children and Family
  - 6 Services, that specifically address a family or
  - 7 individual's substance abuse; is that fair?
    - MR. BADALA: Objection to form.
  - 9 A. That's fair.
  - 10 Q. I assume in your various roles with
  - 11 Children and Family Services, you have been
  - 12 evaluated over time?
  - 13 A. Yes.

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- Q. Have you ever had a poor
- 15 evaluation?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Do you evaluate others?
- 18 A. Yes
- 19 Q. Who currently reports to you, as
- 20 administrator of social services?
  - A. Specific names?
- Q. And titles, please.
- 23 A. Joseph Jackson, senior manager;
- 24 Christopher Malcolm, M-A-L-C-O-L-M, senior
- 25 manager; Mary Mitchell, senior manager; Earvin
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- 1 Thomas, E-A-R-V-I-N, senior manager; Lara
- 2 Parks, L-A-R-A, senior manager; and David Gray,
- 3 senior manager.
- 4 I also have a social program
- 5 administrator 2 that reports to me, Maureen
- 6 Draye, D-R-A-Y-E, and, of course, my assistant
- 7 reports to me, if want her name. Do you want
- 8 her name?

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- 9 Q. That's okay.
- 10 So you said that there is a social
- 11 program administrator 2, as well?
  - A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Are there any other levels of
- 14 social program administrator that we haven't
- 15 already talked about?
- 16 A. I don't know.
  - Q. Is there a 1?
- 18 A. I don't know. Probably, but I
- 19 don't know for sure.
- Q. Do you know how many people are
- 21 employed with Children and Family Services?
  - A. Not to the -- not to the single
- 23 digit, no.
- Q. Do you have an approximation?
  - A. It's over 800.

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Page 246 1 crisis has to do with opioids, opiate abuse, 2 heroin abuse. 3 What is important for me is I'm 4 here dealing with the devastation, putting out 5 the fires, making sure kids are safe. 6 Ancillary, if I have time to start tracking 7 things and stuff, I'll do that. But my job is 8 to keep kids safe first and foremost. If I 9 have the luxury of tracking every little thing My focus is asking people what got Q. And not even getting into the

10 and dotting every I, I know that's important, 11 but that's not my focus. 12 13 you to the point you are at now and what can I 14 do to fix it to keep little Johnny safe so... 15 16 nitty-gritty or the specifics, as you put it, 17 but with regard to tracking substance use and 18 whether it was prescription opioids versus 19 heroin or any other type of drug, that wasn't 20 something that the department kept track of, 21 throughout the time that you have been in the 22 department, correct? 23 MR. BADALA: Objection to form. 24 A. I mean, all I can say is in the 25 25 years I have been working with families and Page 247 1 with substance abusers, it's not common that 2 someone picks up heroin and says, "One day I'm going to smoke or use heroin," however they use

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5 this data for the past three calendar years. 6 Do you know what that means? A. What I was trying to, I think, say 8 there, assuming that this is exactly what I 9 wrote, is that I was going to have my secretary 10 go back three years to track the drug-of-choice 11 data. Q. Because it says there right under

We talked about the 2014

3 there in that paragraph under the Department

4 News, she, your secretary, will be tracking

2 statistical reports, and then it also states

13 Department News, "Since January 1, 2014, we 14 have been keeping data on specific types of 15 drugs involved with each of our cases," 16 correct?

A. Yes.

Q. So that was a new process that started the beginning of 2014, tracking the 20 drug-of-choice data; is that right?

MR. BADALA: Objection to form.

A. It wasn't new. I mean, I don't 23 know, to be honest with you. I just know that in January of 2014, I started tracking it specifically.

4 it. Usually it is a progressive thing, and it starts out, and most of the time what we see it 6 start out with is prescription pills. 7 Q. And again, I'm asking you what 8 information can I look to to verify that account that you are giving me? Is there any 10 information that I can look to to verify that 12 MR. BADALA: Objection to form. 13 A. I don't know. 14 MS. HIBBERT: Let's take a break. 15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record, 16 2:34. 17 (Recess taken.) 18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: On the record, 19 2:46. Q. Okay. Mr. Cabot, we left off, we 20 21 were talking a little bit about Exhibit Number 22 8. Can you put that back in front of you.

Q. I have a couple more questions

Page 249 1 Q. That was new to your practice, as 2 manager of the START program, as of January 2014, to track the types of drugs involved with 4 each of your cases, correct?

5 A. I don't know. Because what I was 6 trying to get at here, like I said earlier, was the increase in the heroin and opiates, not 8 just all drugs. 9

So I don't know. I can't answer 10 that, I didn't track some type of drug use previous to that. All I know is that what I 12 was interested in showing is over the three years, the increase in that specific drug use.

Q. And were you able to track, over 15 the last three years, the increase in that 16 specific drug use?

A. I don't know. I can't recall.

Q. If you had tracked the increase of these -- the specific drug use over the last three years from 2014, would you have kept that information anywhere? MR. BADALA: Objection to form.

23 A. I don't know. 24 Q. You state next, in the next 25 sentence, "We will also be graphically

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25 about that.

A. Sure.

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#### Via Electronic Mail

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Re: In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation,

MDL No. 2804

Plaintiffs' Response to Motion to Compel Answers to Distributor Defendants' Interrogatory No. 18

Dear Special Master Cohen:

I write on behalf of the PSC and Plaintiffs, City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, City of Akron, and Summit County (collectively "Plaintiffs"), in response to the December 11, 2018 Motion to Compel Answers to Distributor Defendants' Interrogatory No. 18 ("Motion").

The Motion is the latest chapter in the Distributor Defendants' attempt to force Plaintiffs into an early disclosure of expert opinions. This latest attempt comes after the Distributor Defendants, unwilling to wait for a ruling from you on their November 11, 2018 Renewed Motion to Compel, were unsuccessful in convincing Judge Polster at the November 21, 2018 Status Conference that they were entitled to the same relief they seek here. The Motion should be denied.

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First, this issue was resolved by Judge Polster at the November 20, 2018 Status Conference. Notwithstanding their filing of the Renewed Motion to Compel (which was then pending before you), Defendants chose to seek the same relief from Judge Polster at the November 20, 2018 Status Conference. There, Defendants complained to Judge Polster that Plaintiffs only provided a lump sum number and did not provide the damage computations requested in their interrogatory. Judge Polster recognized and accepted Plaintiffs' argument that the Plaintiffs needed

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expert testimony to provide the computations Defendants seek. Rather than requiring the computations Defendants are seeking, Judge Polster ordered: "By 12:00 noon EST on Nov. 30, 2018, plaintiffs will supplement their damages computations by providing their current good-faith estimates of the elements of their alleged damages." Doc. 1147 at ¶ 3.

Contrary to the Motion, p. 3, Judge Polster did not order Plaintiffs to provide damage computations, instead, he ordered Plaintiffs to "supplement their damages computations" by providing "current good faith estimates of the elements of their alleged damages." Id. (emphasis added). At the hearing Judge Polster accepted that expert reports were not due until next year and further explained that the estimates he was ordering Plaintiffs to provide were not binding on either the Plaintiffs or their experts.

On November 30, 2018, Plaintiffs served the required supplement to their damage computations.<sup>1</sup> ("Responses") In Exhibit 2 to each of the Responses, Plaintiffs each detailed eight separate elements of their damages and provided Defendants with their current good faith estimates. The Responses comply with Judge Polster's order, and Defendants should now be required to await Plaintiffs' expert reports.<sup>2</sup>

Defendants complain that the Responses do not explain how they correlate with previous responses or commit that they are complete. The simple answer to this criticism is that the Responses are what Judge Polster ordered -- Plaintiffs' current good faith estimates of the elements of their damages. No correlation with previous responses is necessary as this is the first such estimate of the elements provided by Plaintiffs. Because Judge Polster recognized these numbers are merely a non-binding current estimate, the estimates and categories may change as Plaintiffs' experts further examine the data and complete their reports and are thus, by definition, not final.

The calculation of Plaintiffs' claimed damages is a complex exercise. To do so Plaintiffs and their attorneys have retained experts. Plaintiffs' experts are creating models to quantify the expenses incurred that are attributable to Defendants' misconduct. The Plaintiffs do not have the capacity to provide these calculations absent expert testimony. Defendants' supposed inability to receive

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Akron, and Summit's Second Supplemental Responses are attached to the Motion as Exhibits A, B, C, and D respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Defendants also complain that Plaintiffs' identification of lost tax revenue in their responses was a single lump sum amount. Motion at pp. 2-3. Plaintiffs have further reviewed the data and are willing to break this element of damages down on a yearly basis.

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complete answers from Plaintiffs' witnesses are illustrative of the need to rely on expert testimony rather than evidence of Plaintiffs' stonewalling on discovery.

Thus, the further detail and the "computations" demanded by Defendants are in reality a request for an early draft of Plaintiffs' expert reports. Rule 26(a)(2) was amended in 2010 to make it clear that draft expert reports are work product and not discoverable:

This amendment is intended to alter the outcome in cases that have relied on the 1993 formulation in requiring disclosure of all attorney-expert communications and draft reports. The amendments to Rule 26(b)(4) make this change explicit by providing work-product protection against discovery regarding draft reports and disclosures of attorney-expert communications.

Advisory Committee Notes to the 2010 Amendments; see also Picken v. Louisville Ladder Inc., No. 11-13044, 2013 WL 12182395, at \*3 (E.D. Mich. Sept. 26, 2013) (same). The Plaintiffs cannot detail the calculations of what expenses are alleged to be caused by Defendants' conduct without providing Defendants with an early draft disclosure of their experts' conclusions. Under Rule 26(a)(2), draft expert conclusions are not discoverable as part of expert disclosures. There certainly is no authority supporting disclosure of draft conclusions before expert disclosures are even due. Recognizing this, Judge Polster's order rejected Defendants' request for these computations now and instead required only good faith estimates for each category of damages.

While Rule 26(a)(1) may require some damage calculations in an ordinary case prior to the disclosure of expert reports, CMO 1 recognized that these types of disclosures were not appropriate in this case and relieved the parties of the obligation of complying with the rule. Doc. 232 at ¶ 9(b). Indeed, even Rule 26(a)(1) case law recognizes that the Rule 26(a)(1) disclosure obligation "is limited by the quantity and quality of information available to the party who makes the damages production under the Rule." Hyland v. Home Services of America, 2008 WL 11357996 (W.D. Ky March 26, 2008) (denying motion to compel with the understanding that the Plaintiff remains required by the Rules to timely supplement his damages calculation based on the information currently available to him). As Judge Polster recognized, given the nature of the underlying dispute in this matter, it is not unreasonable for the Plaintiffs to rely on expert assistance in order to develop damage calculation. See K&M International, Inc. v. NDY Toy, LLC, 2015 WL 5749605 (N.D. Ohio September 30, 2015) (denying motion where Plaintiff reserved the right to provide an expert report on damages and when some documentation regarding damages was provided before the close of expert discovery because the Plaintiff's expert was timely identified, the documents relied on by the expert were promptly produced, and the categories of alleged damages were provided prior to the close of fact discovery).

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Defendants, citing inapplicable Rule 26(a)(1) caselaw, seek computations "of sufficient detail that Defendants may understand the contours of their potential exposure and make informed decisions as to . . . discovery." Motion at p. 4 (citation and internal quotation omitted). While such a request may be appropriate in an ordinary case, the request for computations here ignores the nature of the impending bellwether trials which discovery is being conducted for trial not settlement of individual cases. See CMO 1 at p.1 (noting purpose of the creation of a litigation track); id. at  $\P$  6(e) (requiring leave of Court for voluntary dismissal of case against all defendants). Defendants certainly are not suggesting that they need the detail of the computations of non-binding estimates now to evaluate settlement of these cases.

Defendants claim they are prejudiced because of the impending deadline for fact discovery. Plaintiffs have provided and will continue to provide to Defendants the underlying data their experts are using to calculate damages. Defendants have been and can continue to inquire into these underlying facts during fact discovery. After expert disclosures are served, Defendants can conduct discovery of the Plaintiff's experts and test the underlying facts the experts rely on to support their opinions. Defendants will not be prejudiced if they await Plaintiffs' expert reports to conduct this discovery. Instead, it will be more efficient for them to conduct this discovery based on the actual theories and calculations Plaintiffs will offer to the jury rather than draft, non-binding estimates.

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Because Plaintiffs are not required to give Defendants early draft expert reports and because Plaintiffs have complied with Judge Polster's order that they "supplement their damages computations by providing their current good-faith estimates of the elements of their alleged damages," the Motion should be denied.

Sincerely,

/s/ Anthony J. Majestro

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-Ron Motley (1944–2013)

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#### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: In Re National Prescription Opioid Litigation; Case No. 17-md-2804
The County of Summit, Ohio, et al. v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., Case No. 18-op-45090
Summit County Children Services – Deposition of Julie Barnes

#### Counsel:

I write in response to your letter of January 2, 2019, regarding Ms. Julie Barnes' deposition and "data and certain types of documents" that you maintain came up during her deposition on December 3, 2018.

#### Results of 2015 Analysis Performed by Sharon Geffken

Any documents regarding the 2015 "hand count" performed by Ms. Geffken and referenced by Ms. Barnes during her testimony have already been provided by Children Services and produced to Defendants. Specifically, responsive information relating to this analysis is contained in the 2015, 2016, and 2017 PCSAO fact books (*see* 

We have confirmed with Summit County Children Services there is no further data or documents either in hard copy or electronically related to this "hand count" that were not previously produced.

#### Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (or "SACWIS")

Defendants also seek an "aggregate SACWIS dataset or the case files stored in SACWIS from the relevant time period." The appropriate entity from which to seek that information the Ohio State PCSAO or SACWIS itself. Plaintiff has produced certain responsive SACWIS documents in its possession (*see* the summary report produced at As previously explained, the law prevents Summit County Children Services from providing the



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case files of children and families that it serves. SACWIS is simply a server maintained by the State of Ohio to house child welfare records.

More to the point, there are over 6.7 million records in SACWIS and the burden of production – even if it were possible – substantially outweigh the needs of the case. That said, let's meet and confer regarding what compromises are possible.

On today's phone call with David Ackerman, you advised that the summary report was lacking detail. We will confer with Cuyahoga and our client to determine whether we can provide (or have already provided) a similar report.

#### **SCCS** Board of Trustees Meeting Documents

In response to Defendants' requests for SCCS Board Meeting "data reports;" "executive director reports;" and "finance reports;" any such documents that exist for these categories have been previously produced to Defendants (see

(executive director reports); and

(finance reports)).

With regard to Board Meeting agendas and minutes, Summit County Children Services will collect and produce any responsive documents.

If you have questions, let's discuss in a meet and confer.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jodi Westbrook Flowers

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US Department of Justice, National Drug Intelligence Center, "The Economic Impact of Illicit Drug Use on American Society" (2011), Table 1.7; https://www.justice.gov/archive/ndic/pubs44/44731/44731p.pdf

National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH); http://pdas.samhsa.gov/#/

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### **EXHIBIT 8**

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3	EASTERN DIVISION		
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5	In Re National :		
	Prescription Opiate :		
6	Litigation :		
	: MDL No. 2804		
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	This document relates : Case No. 17-md-2804		
8	to: :		
	: Judge Dan Aaron		
9	The County of Summit, : Polster		
	Ohio, et al., v. Purdue :		
10	Pharma L.P., et al. :		
	Case No. 1:18-OP-45090 :		
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12	Transcript of the video deposition of		
13	Julie Barnes, a witness herein, called by the		
14	Track One Defendants for examination under the		
15	applicable rules of Federal Civil Court		
16	Procedure, taken before me, Linda D. Riffle,		
17	Registered Diplomate Reporter, Certified Realtime		
18	Reporter, Certified Realtime Captioner, and		
19	Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio,		
20	pursuant to notice and agreement, at the Akron		
21	Bar Association, 57 South Broadway Street, Akron,		
22	Ohio, on Monday, December 3, 2018, beginning at		
23	8:59 a.m. and concluding on the same day.		
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Page 134 Page 136 1 accurate. So, you know, if we pulled a -- data 1 call somebody's case file? 2 that said substance abuse was an issue for this 2 A. That's right. 3 3 many families in their case plan, that's accurate Q. And have you initiated any sort of data 4 projects where somebody went back to the actual 4 data. 5 5 case files -- not the SACWIS, but back to the --Where the inaccuracy to the data comes 6 in is that someone might not have put it there. 6 the case files to try to extract better or more They might have put it somewhere else. So that 7 accurate information about drug use or the impact certainly could be a higher number. I don't of drug use or abuse on Children's Services? think it would be a lower number. So that's A. Yes. We did do that in 2015. The 10 where I think the -- the difference comes in. 10 former director of social services did a specific 11 BY MR. ALEXANDER: 11 hand count of cases where she went in to case 12 Q. And differentiating before 2016 in terms 12 records for some time period in 2015 to identify 13 of whether the drug of choice was marijuana or substance abuse issues consistently as well as 14 alcohol or heroin or cocaine or something else, 14 type of drug. 15 that is also an issue in terms of whether the 15 Q. Did that project have a name? 16 data is robust enough to accurately capture what 16 A. No. It was just a research that she did 17 was going on in the client population for that 17 internally, so . . . 18 time period, correct? 18 Q. Who did the research? 19 MS. FLOWERS: Object to the form. Asked 19 A. The former director of social services. 20 Her name was Sharon Geffken. 20 and answered. 21 THE WITNESS: I believe the same 21 Q. And was there a reason why this was 22 applies, yes. 22 initiated, as far as you know? 23 BY MR. ALEXANDER: 23 A. It was initiated because we knew that we 24 Q. Meaning if it's there, it's --24 had a problem with opioids and were -- we were 25 A. It's accurate. really trying to get a better understanding of Page 135 Page 137 Q. -- it's accurate for that record, but it 1 the volume, and did not feel -- we felt that our 1 2 may not be captured for a percentage of the 2 data that we could pull out of SACWIS was 3 files? 3 under-representing the issue. So she was trying 4 A. Correct. Uh-huh. 4 to get a better and more accurate look at how 5 Q. All right. Are there other databases 5 opioids were impacting our children and families. 6 that are utilized to track this sort of So she spent some time doing a research project information over the last five-and-a-half years where she looked at case-specific information. as you've been executive director other than 8 Q. Did anybody else work on it or just her? 9 SACWIS? 9 A. Just her to my knowledge. I -- I don't 10 A. I don't believe so. 10 know if she had any help with that. Q. Okay. And as we mentioned, there are Q. Did you get some sort of report or 11 11 12 individual case files, correct? 12 summary of the project after it was completed? 13 MS. FLOWERS: Object to the form. 13 A. She just told me the outcome of it at 14 THE WITNESS: There are individual case 14 the time, and I had her -- only recall, really, a 15 records in SACWIS, and then there is aggregate 15 rough estimate on that. But she looked at 16 data in SACWIS as well. 16 substance abuse specifically and type of drug.

the record on a particular case, right?
 MS. FLOWERS: Object to the form. Lack

19 copy or -- or case files that associate, here's

Q. But Summit County has literally hard

22 of foundation.

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23 BY MR. ALEXANDER:

17 BY MR. ALEXANDER:

Q. Like, there's an activity log, there's

25 other various documents that make up what you

23 so -- of our total -- the total population she

And I -- I think the substance abuse was around

18 50 percent and opioid use was around 40 percent,

Q. 40 percent of the 50 percent? So 20

A. No. I believe that was of the total,

24 looked at.

so . . .

percent?

Q. So 80 percent of all substance abuse in

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Page 138 Page 140 1 this analysis in 2015 was opioids or opiates A. If we had any data or reports that she 1 2 or -- I'm just trying to figure out --2 generated, those would have already been 3 MS. FLOWERS: Objection. Misstates --3 provided, so . . . MR. ALEXANDER: -- which drug you're 4 4 Q. So I'm -- I'm not trying to hide the 5 talking about. 5 ball on -- on documents. In terms of, like, MS. FLOWERS: Objection. Misstates the 6 6 things with your name on them, June 2016 is when 7 testimony. 7 they start. We don't have anything from your 8 THE WITNESS: No. That's not right. I 8 plus -- first three-plus years. We don't have 9 really don't recall. I -- I shouldn't guess. produced, as far as I know, and I try to know, 10 BY MR. ALEXANDER: 10 the stuff from 2015, stuff from 2014. We just Q. Was there a formal report written up? 11 don't have those documents produced yet. 12 A. No, I don't believe there was a formal 12 And I know that you said you're not the 13 report, so . . . 13 one who gathered all the documents, certainly, 14 Q. Just relayed to you orally? 14 made decisions on -- on what to produce. So when 15 A. I know it was relayed to me orally. If 15 I ask you about whether documents exist or not 16 it was any other format, I don't recall it being 16 and what you did and how it would be 17 in another format, so . . . 17 memorialized, I'm not -- I honestly haven't seen Q. Did anything happen with this, as far as all of your documents. That's why I'm asking. 19 you know, like get presented at a board meeting 19 A. Okav. 20 or go to somebody else up higher in the county 20 Q. Does that make sense? 21 government chain, to the state, to the AG, 21 MS. FLOWERS: Objection to the colloquy. 22 anything like that? 22 BY MR. ALEXANDER: 23 A. I --23 Q. Do you understand? 24 MS. FLOWERS: Object to the form. 24 A. I -- I think what you're saying is if I 25 THE WITNESS: I -- we may have used her 25 provided something to my attorneys, they haven't Page 141 1 data. We provided some data to PCSAO, the Public given it to you. Is that what you're saying? 2 Children's Services Association of Ohio, that 2 Q. I don't know if you provided something 3 year. That may have been provided to them as --3 to your attorneys --4 when we were trying as a state -- I think '15 was A. Yeah. 4 5 the first year that, as a state, we were trying Q. -- relating to your work in 2006, 2007, 6 to gather some data around substance use and the 6 2013, '14, '15. I don't know what you provided 7 percentage of opioids. 7 them. But I only know what we have. So I'm 8 And I believe that's what was provided 8 trying to understand which documents you think 9 to PCSAO in '15, was what Sharon Geffken did exist from this time period. 10 through the hand count that she did that year. 10 So the hand count that Ms. Geffken 11 BY MR. ALEXANDER: 11 did -- am I saying her name right? 12 Q. Was there any other data collected by 12 A. Yes. Uh-huh. 13 Ms. Geffken other than the percentage that 13 Q. -- you're not sure if it resulted in 14 involved opioids -- percentage of open cases that 14 some sort of formal written submission --15 involved opioids? spreadsheet, something -- that went on to A. That was her specific project, so I 16 16 somebody other than you, correct? 17 don't think so. 17 MS. FLOWERS: Object to the form. 18 Q. Was -- do you know if this was part of 18 THE WITNESS: I don't believe that was 19 the PCSAO opioid survey? 19 presented in any kind of a report or spreadsheet 20 A. Well, that's why I was saying that may 20 format, no. 21 be what -- why she did it, is that she was 21 BY MR. ALEXANDER: 22 submitting it to PCSAO. 22 Q. Would it have gone up to PCSAO or to 23 Q. Okay. If you wanted to lay your hands 23 somebody on a statewide basis, it would have had

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24 to have gone to them by e-mail and attaching some

25 sort of data, correct?

24 on any of the data that she generated from 2015,

25 Ms. Geffken, could you do that?

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# EXHIBIT 9

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13	Videotaped deposition of			
	CYNTHIA G. WEISKITTEL			
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16	8:59 a.m.			
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20	Climaco, Wilcox, Peca & Garofoli			
21	55 Public Square, Suite 1950			
22	Cleveland, Ohio			
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25	Renee L. Pellegrino, RPR, CLR			

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$\frac{1}{2}$	<b>,</b>	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. I don't know.
1	complete the survey.	2	Q. Did you ever get results of this
3		3	later?
1	out, or Trista, whoever filled it out?	4	A. Did we get results of this?
5	E	5	Q. Yes.
6		6	A. I don't know.
	says, "Potential data accuracy issues." It	7	Q. Did you ever do anything with any
	says, "I've attached a spreadsheet that compares		results of an April opiate survey, April 2016
	the number of kids that agencies reported	9	opiate survey?
	coming"	10	A. Again, I don't know.
11	A. Did you go back to the first page?	11	Q. Are there other opiate surveys from
12	•	1	a statewide basis that you've gotten results
13	A. No problem. Go ahead.		from?
14	Q. Sometimes I think I've said things	14	A. We've been asked to complete other
	that I haven't. I just thought it. My	1	opiate surveys. I'm not sure that we've gotten
	apologies.	1	results.
17	<b>.</b>	17	Q. When were you most recently asked to
18	1 0	1	complete one?
	there's a section heading called "April Opiate	19	A. It was this year, and I believe
	Survey," and under that the first bullet says,	1	Tammy completed it.
	"Potential Data Accuracy Issues."	21	
22	•	22	(Thereupon, Deposition Exhibit 25,
23		23	E-Mail String Beginning
24	<b>3</b> /	24	, was marked for
25	spreadsheet that compares the number of kids	25	purposes of identification.)
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	that agencies reported coming into custody in	1	
1	county year 2015 with custody numbers pulled	2	Q. Exhibit 25
	from SACWIS. Our assumption was that the SACWIS	3	THE WITNESS: I keep taking this.
1	number of kids in temporary custody should	4	MR. CIACCIO: I know. Sorry.
1	generally match the agency reported number of	5	MR. ALEXANDER: I think you figured
	kids that came into custody, but you will see	1	it out better than he has.
1	that there are some glaring differences in those	7	MR. CIACCIO: Yeah. This has been
8	numbers for some counties. Based on some county		really tough for me. I'm sorry?
9	outreach, some of this can be explained by the	9	Q e-mail chain. The
	inclusion of kids who came into agency custody	10	
	via Juvenile Rule 6 and emergency court order.	11	If you go to the first e-mail in
12	I would like your thoughts on this issue and how	12	time, this is from Mary Wachtel to Tamara
13	much clean-up we should pursue. I feel	13	Chapman-Wagner July 27th, 2017, correct?
14	confident in this data at the state level given	14	A. Yes.
15	the small difference overall but have some	15	Q. And this says, "PCSAO opioid
16	concerns re: county level data analysis."	1	survey," so it suggests there was one in 2017,
17	Do you see that?		correct?
18	A. Um-hum.	18	A. Yes.
19	Q. Any idea what they're talking about?	19	Q. It says, "Dear Tamara, I hope you're
20	A. Do you want to know what a Juvenile	l	well. We are in the process of analyzing the
1	Rule 6 is? Is that what you're asking me?	21	, ,
22	Q. No. Are there actual differences in	1	County's numbers from 2015-2016 are very
1	data between the state numbers and the county	1	different, with significant drops in the number
24	numbers for kids in custody that should be of	24	of kids reported with parental drug use and with
25	concern?	25	parental opiate use from 2015 to 2016."

Page 386 Page 388 1 Do you see that? A. Right. Angela is the director of 2 A. Yes. 2 PCSAO. 3 Q. So there should be documents 3 Q. And she says -- Tammy says, "I've 4 relating to filling out a survey in 2017 looking 4 reviewed the data and the major differences are 5 at 2016, correct? 5 the numbers for children removed due to parental A. Yes. 6 drug use in 2015 are estimated numbers, the 7 O. That would be on e-mails and it 7 numbers from last year," meaning 2016, "are 8 would be some sort of spreadsheet or whatever 8 actual numbers. 9 that Tamara Chapman-Wagner or somebody acting 9 Okay. Why would the numbers in '15 10 under her direction filled out those forms. 10 have been estimated and not actual? 11 correct? 11 A. Well, as she goes on to say, that 12 A. Again, Tammy filled out the survey. 12 there are times when we enter the reason to 13 Q. Okay. And were you aware of drop in 13 remove in SACWIS, we enter neglect or abuse 14 the number of kids reported with parental drug 14 category without being specific abuse of drugs. 15 use and with parental opiate use from 2015 to 15 Q. So it may not have been a real drop, 16 2016 for Cuyahoga County? 16 but that's because the numbers for 2015 were 17 A. Well, Tammy goes on and gives an 17 essentially inflated because they were 18 explanation for that. 18 estimates? Q. I'm asking about the drop. Were you 19 A. They were estimates and they could 20 aware that there was a drop, regardless of the 20 have been inflated. 21 explanation? 21 Q. And it ends with, "Without doing a 22 A. I was not. 22 complete review of every child removed, we 23 Q. I'm sorry? 23 cannot determine if parental drug use was a 24 24 factor." A. I was not. 25 25 Do you see that? So, again, for this first e-mail it Page 387 Page 389 1 says, "This drop, combined with a similar drop 1 A. Yes, I do. 2 Q. Do you agree with that? 2 in another major metro county, has greatly 3 impacted the statewide data results, which are 3 A. She's talking about a review of 4 every removal, what the journal entry -- so keep 4 currently showing fewer kids taken into custody 5 with parental drug and opiate use in 2016 5 in mind when we file a journal entry in court, 6 compared to 2015. This is counter to what we 6 an allegation, a complaint, we may then reduce 7 or strike certain points to make an agreement 7 expected and what PCSAs have been telling us." 8 In other words, the drop in Cuyahoga County and 8 with the parents for a finding. So if the 9 worker simply writes in "neglect," it may have 9 one other large county, Franklin, Hamilton, 10 whatever, was so significant that overall 10 said in the journal industry mom's drug use 11 impacted, but they only put into the system that 11 statewide, it showed a drop from 2015 to 2016." 12 That's what she's saying, right? 12 it was a finding of neglect without adding the 13 additional information. We would have to look 13 A. That's what Mary is saying, correct. 14 at every journal entry and complaint to figure 14 Q. And Tamara says she will review and 15 get back to you today, and then you have an 15 that out. 16 exchange with her and Angela Sausser -- I'm 16 Q. Right. So if one wanted to make an 17 sorry. Then Tamara e-mails Angela Sausser, Mary 17 accurate kind of apples-to-apples comparison 18 Wachtel, you and Jennifer Finkelstein. 18 over the years, there would need to be a review

24 done to get the correct numbers?25 A. As Tammy goes on to say in here, we

19 of these files to look at why children were

20 actually being removed, correct?

22 legal complaints filed.

A. We would look at complaints filed,

Q. And has an analysis like that been

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A. Yes.

23 she's an intern at PCSAO.

Do you see that?

Q. And who is Jennifer Finkelstein?

Q. But we know Angela Sausser and Mary

A. I've never met her, but it says

25 Wachtel? We've talked about them before?

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Page 390 Page 392 1 are always trying to fine-tune our 1 The third paragraph --2 2 documentation, and so we've worked with staff to A. Yes. 3 Q. -- in her e-mail says, "I will tell 3 be more specific, so the data is getting 4 you, that while opiates have certainly risen in 4 cleaner. 5 our county, we are not seeing the impact on our Q. So you think the 2016 numbers are 6 pretty accurate? 6 cases that many other counties are facing." 7 A. They're cleaner, yeah. 7 Do you see that statement? Q. And they're cleaner and more 8 A. Yes. 9 9 accurate than '15? Q. Do you agree with that? 10 A. Yes. She's talking about southern 10 A. Correct. 11 Ohio. Southern Ohio has seen their custody 11 Q. And what about '17? Is '17 cleaner 12 numbers double due to the opiate crisis. That's 12 and more accurate? 13 A. My hope would be that we continue to 13 not true in Cuyahoga County. 14 improve those numbers, the accuracy of the 14 15 15 numbers. (Thereupon, Deposition Exhibit 26, E-Mail String with Attachment O. And the trend seems to be that the 16 17 Beginning 17 less accurate numbers inflated the number of , was marked for 18 children removed due to parental drug use or 18 19 19 opiates, correct? purposes of identification.) 20 A. That's what's being alleged here. 20 21 21 Q. Would you agree with that? Q. Exhibit 26, this is a long e-mail 22 A. I think we would have to look at all 22 chain with an attachment, starts at 23 23 the data to figure that out. 24 Q. Is it a plausible interpretation of I'm going to start at the back, if 25 you will. The first e-mail in time is from Amy 25 the data and the data collection? Page 391 Page 393 1 MR. CIACCIO: Objection to form. 1 Eddings of something called Ideastream.org. Can 2 A. Again, Tammy is giving her best 2 you explain what that is? 3 thinking about it. She hasn't done the review A. Again, Idea Stream is the program 4 that's on our public TV station. They did an 4 so we don't know that she's actually right. Q. Is she pretty good at analyzing data 5 adoption thing today. 6 and understanding the way data entry works? Q. I'm sorry. They did what today? 7 A. She's pretty good at using data. 7 A. They did an adoption story. So they O. And she knows the flaws of the 8 don't do just DCFS. They do different stories 9 system and its limitations? 9 from around the county. 10 A. Yes. 10 Q. And it starts off with a series of 11 Q. So you would defer to her on her 11 questions to Mary Louise Madigan, who we saw 12 analysis here? 12 earlier, correct? 13 A. As I said, it's her -- it is her A. Yes. 14 Q. It says, "They're doing a story on 14 hypothesis, and we would have to do more digging 15 to see if she's correct. 15 opioids and child welfare foster care," and this Q. My question is, do you defer to her 16 is a follow-up to a conversation they apparently 17 on her analysis? 17 had, correct? 18 A. I'm sorry. I'm not sure what e-mail 19 Q. It would need to be analyzed to get 19 you're on. Are we at the back? 20 full accurate numbers? O. Yes. 20 21 A. Yes. 21 22 Q. I'm not quite done with that one. 22 A. Okay. So this is from Amy to Mary 23 Sorry. 23 Louise, and then Mary Louise responds, yes. 24 A. I might have memorized it. How do Q. So looking at the e-mail from Amy 25 Eddings --25 you know?

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Page 430  1 Whereupon, counsel was requested to give	Page 432  1 I do further certify that I am not a
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3 the transcript pursuant to the Civil Rules.	3 or otherwise interested in the event of this
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